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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I support merging Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. This merger would help create jobs, and provide better cable and internet services for millions of Americans.

As a Washington state Representative and a small business owner, I have followed this merger closely. In any merger situation, I would be concerned that jobs might be lost. However, New Charter has committed to creating thousands of new jobs. It is especially good to hear that they will bring back call center jobs that Time Warner had moved overseas. The net impact of this insourcing is not just limited to job growth, but will also provide New Charter's customers with a better customer service experience.

With the Internet now essential for work and communication, it is also important to me that low-income households have access to this essential tool. Therefore I am encouraged to learn that New Charter will expand Bright House Networks' existing low-income broadband program which provides high-speed internet at a reduced price to low-income households. This is another example of how New Charter will build on the strengths of the three respective companies.

Please consider how New Charter would benefit jobs and low-income consumers as you weigh your decision on this merger. New Charter has my support, and I hope it will have yours too.

Sincerely,

Representative Maureen Walsh

District 16, Washington House of Representatives